

Remarks

Claims 30-33 are pending and are under consideration.

There are no allowed claims.

Claims 30-33 remain rejected under 35 USC(a and e) as being anticipated by Ravichandran, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,997,219.

Applicants respectfully rebut the rejections.

Applicants believe that there is a clear line of demarcation between the disclosure of Ravichandran and the compounds of the present claims.

The Examiner points out that for example the present claims require that at least one of E_1 , E_2 and E_2' be $-(CH_2)_m-CO-X-T_1$. The Examiner states that such a moiety is included on the benzotriazoles of Ravichandran. It is correct Ravichandran discloses a similar moiety (structure (C)). However, present T_1 is straight or branched chain alkyl of 25 to 100 carbon atoms or T_1 is $-(R-O)_n-R-OG_x$ where R is propylene, trimethylene, 1,2-butylene or tetramethylene and n is 6 to 49 so that the total number carbon atoms in T_1 is at least 25.

R_5 of Ravichandran may be OR_6 where R_6 may be straight or branched chain C_1-C_{24} alkyl. The OR_6 group may also be $-(OCH_2CH_2)_wOR_{21}$, col. 4, lines 42-54.

As present T_1 is an alkyl of 25-100 carbons, or is a polyoxyalkylene that does not include polyoxyethylene, there is no possible overlap of the present compounds with those of Ravichandran regarding these substituents.

The Examiner alleges that present bis-benzotriazoles of formula (II) correspond to the bis-benzotriazoles of Ravichandran's formula (C). This is not correct, the closest structures of Ravichandran to present formula (II) are those of formula (B). There are no corresponding present bis-benzotriazoles to those of Ravichandran formula (C).

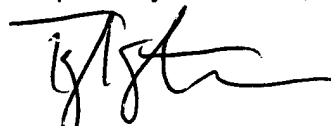
Applicants fully believe that there is no possible overlap of the compounds of the present claims with those of Ravichandran.

Applicants believe the present claim rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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